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Item 1

Staff Study on Psychological Strategy Planning for the Middle East

Summary: This item stresses the priority need for a long-range psychological strategy plan for the Middle East. Likewise, it intends that the PSB should survey programs and actions to determine short-range opportunities in the light of their long-range implications.

A CIA staff review of the PSB study finds it admirably suited for the detailed development of a strategic plan for this area. However, it is suggested that when a PSB panel is assigned to develop this strategic plan it should give special attention to the following points:

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1. Possibility of further deterioration of [REDACTED] in this area which might involve unilateral U. S. action.
2. Necessity of creating a stable social, economic, and political order to parallel the development of military bases.
3. The possibility of developing a unified Pan-Islamic front to combat Communism's atheistic challenge.

Recommendation: That you approve the development by the PSB Staff of a psychological strategy plan for the Middle East.

① This is reference to the board  
② Take cognizance of administrative problems

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Item 2

Staff Study on Psychological Strategy Planning  
Tasks with Regard to Southeast Asia

Summary: This item reflects need for a psychological strategy plan for Southeast Asia to be prepared concurrently with an NSC policy paper on the same subject (now in preparation).

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~~Recommendation~~ that you approve the development by the PSB Staff of a psychological strategy plan for Southeast Asia.

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